

NEIGHBORS JOIN FORCES TO DECORATE HOMES

A small group of 15 homes in north Torrance could easily be called "Christmas Lane." Members of the Alondra Homeowner's Assn. this year have banded together, as they have for the past three years, to put up attractive Christmas figures in front of their homes. The 32 adults and 45 children in the area have joined to make their small tract the most "Christmasy" in Torrance.

Close-Knit Group
Ever since they moved into the tract in 1954, the homeowners have been an extremely close-knit group, with the families joining for pot-luck dinners, parties, and other special occasions.

Each year, the group has held a dinner to plan the Christmas decorations. Mr. R. Hertzog, 16834 Thornburgh Ave., sketched out the ideas

for the Yule figures from ideas furnished by other residents. Mrs. A. S. Karr, 16833 Thornburgh Ave., and Mrs. B. L. Hoefler, 3921 W. 169th Pl., were the artists in the creations. H. E. Lattin, 16830 Thornburgh Ave., helped all his neighbors with the lighting.

The number of decorations has grown each year, with the figures ranging from Nativity scenes to Santa Clauses, and groups of Christmas carollers.

Many Children
Each family in the tract has children, who proudly display the decorations. Mr. and Mrs. E. Dinkelman, 16829 Thornburgh Ave., joined the ranks of their neighbors last summer with their first child, David, now four months old.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Holt, 16838 Thornburgh Ave., on the other hand, have eight chil-

dren ranging in age from one to 15. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Johnson, 3916 W. 169th Pl., are the only ones who do not have school-age children. Their two youngsters both are grown.

Although the small tract is slightly off the beaten track, located just east of Prairie Ave. and south of Redondo Beach Blvd., it annually draws many visitors. The lights are on display from 6 to 11 p.m. every night until New Year's Day.

Mrs. P. D. Brooks, president of the group, invited all residents to view their "Christmas Lane."

Other families in the tract who proudly display their Christmas decorations are Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Groat, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. John de la Haye, Mr. and Mrs.

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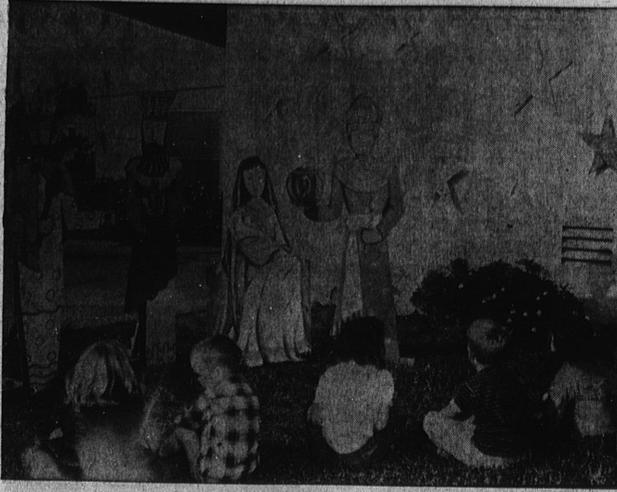
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CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Neighborhood youngsters admire this Christmas scene in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hoefler, 3921 W. 169th Pl. Mrs. Hoefler was one of the artists who helped create the decorations in front of all 15 homes in the tract. At the entrance to the homes are special candle decorations.

Picture Worth 100 Words, El Camino College Believes

Believing in the old Oriental adage that a picture is worth a thousand words, the El Camino College instruction department supplements its regular program with extensive audio-visual aids.

This philosophy on the value of audio-visual aids in the field of education is exemplified by the tremendous growth of the program in high schools and colleges across America in the last 15 years.

Under the guidance of Alfred J. Wrobel, the audio-visual center at the local college is keeping pace with the rest of the nation's colleges and universities in the increasing use of audio and visual instructional aids.

Enrichment Sought
Basic function of the audio-visual center is to assist the department of instruction to enrich the teaching program of El Camino College. Specifically, the center acts as a service department, directed by an audio-visual coordinator and staffed by several classified employees. In general the duties encompass the procurement, development and distribution of audio-visual materials, equipment and information.

The audio-visual center is a service center which has as its primary aim the improvement of instruction through more efficient communication.

Many Techniques
Today instructors recognize that there are many teaching techniques, other than those of the traditional classroom, which are essential for optimum learning. Common among the communication tools of the modern teacher are motion pictures, models, television, field trips, dramatizations, demonstrations, exhibits, photographs, filmstrips, diagrams, slides, maps, charts, graphs, radio, recordings, and the like. Audio-visual instruction is a collective term used to label how teachers are using a wide variety of media of communication to improve instruction.

Materials Gathered
The audio-visual center is not merely a storage place where materials are cataloged, stored and signed in and out. Neither is it a projection room or a film library. It is all these things and much more. It is a clearinghouse for audio-visual problems and solutions.

At El Camino three separate units are involved in carrying through the purpose of the audio-visual program.

A film library containing 260 films owned by the college is maintained by qualified personnel. Although this permanent library is being expanded each year, most of the films used by instructors are rented from larger institutions.

Listening Room
Among its facilities is a listening room where listening hours for all language classes are scheduled. At other times the room is available for informal use by instructors and

students.

A production room with a staff artist on duty four hours daily is also available. Instructors are encouraged to develop instructional aids here aided by a large supply of excellent materials.

Audio-visual instruction is neither an educational "extra-curricular activity" nor a substitute for teaching. It is a way of teaching and one which permeates all parts of the curriculum.

Almost 100 per cent of the 7800 students enrolled at EC take advantage of the many services of the audio-visual center in one manner or another.

MOMS PLAN FOR MARCH ON JAN. 31

Torrance captains of the Mothers' March of Polio were briefed on plans for the coming March of Dimes Mothers' March on Polio to be held on Jan. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. The meeting was held at McMaster Hall last Friday.

The mothers were told that the task can be accomplished only if each did her part, since the funds are used to insure care, treatment, and research on polio.

Mrs. Glenn Blake, Mrs. A. L. McKenzie, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mrs. C. Malone, and Mrs. Glen Runstead served as hostesses and served refreshments. All are members of the North Torrance Canasta Lassies.

EARLY START

John Tyler who became the 10th president, began the practice of law at the age of 19 and was elected to the Virginia state legislature when he was only 21 years old.

SEPARATE AGENCY
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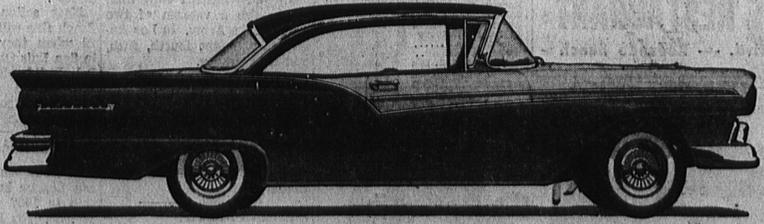
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